

Legal Notice of Decision
Integrated Treatment of Noxious and Invasive Plants for the Tonto National Forest

On August 24, 2012, the Tonto National Forest Supervisor, Neil Bosworth signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Integrated Treatment of Noxious and Invasive Plants Environmental Assessment for the Tonto National Forest. The selected alternative is an integrated vegetation management program that includes use of mechanical, manual, cultural, biological control, prescribed fire or torching, and herbicides. The initial proposed action has been modified after receiving comments during two different comment periods. The Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact are available at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office, 2324 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006, and online at the web address: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/tonto/landmanagement/projects>.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to regulations at *36 CFR 215*. Individuals or organizations who provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action during the comment period may appeal. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of the comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes. The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer. Submit appeals to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Corbin Newman, Regional Forester, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Fax #: 505-842-3800. If hand delivered, the appeal must be received at the above address during business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm), excluding holidays. Electronic appeals may be submitted to: appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us (.doc, .rtf, or .txt formats only). The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. Names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals.

Appeals, including attachments, must be in writing, fully consistent with *36 CFR 215.14*, and filed (postmarked) within 45 days following the date this notice is published in the *Arizona Capitol Times*. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

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